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SUBJECT: Military Communications-Electronics Board (MCEB)

- References:
- (a) DoD Directive 5100.35, "Military Communications-Electronics Board," May 6, 1985 (hereby canceled)
  - (b) Public Law 104-106, "Subdivision E of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996," February 10, 1996 (formerly the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996)
  - (c) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Implementation of Subdivision E of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-106)," June 2, 1997
  - (d) [DoD Directive 4650.1](#), "Management and Use of the Radio Frequency Spectrum," June 24, 1987

## 1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a) to update the mission, organization, functions, responsibilities, and relationships prescribed herein.

## 2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").

### 3. MISSION

3.1. The MCEB shall consider those military communications-electronics matters, including those associated with National Security Systems (NSS) as defined in reference (b), referred to it by the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the DoD Chief Information Officer, and other officials designated in paragraph 5.2., below.

3.2. The MCEB mission shall be, as follows:

3.2.1. Obtain coordination among the DoD Components, between the Department of Defense and other Governmental Departments and Agencies, and between the Department of Defense and the representatives of foreign nations as to matters under MCEB jurisdiction.

3.2.2. Provide guidance and direction to the DoD Components.

3.2.3. Furnish advice and assistance, as requested.

### 4. ORGANIZATION

4.1. The MCEB shall be composed of the following:

4.1.1. The Director for Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems, Joint Staff (J-6), who shall serve as the Chair.

4.1.2. The Vice Director for Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems, Joint Staff (VJ6), representing the Combatant Commands.

4.1.3. The Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4), U.S. Army.

4.1.4. The Director, Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control, U.S. Navy.

4.1.5. The Director, Communications and Information, U.S. Air Force.

4.1.6. The Assistant Chief of Staff, Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence, U.S. Marine Corps.

4.1.7. The Assistant Commandant for Systems, U.S. Coast Guard.

4.1.8. The Director, Defense Information Systems Agency, or designee.

4.1.9. The Director, National Security Agency, or designee.

4.1.10. The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, or designee.

4.2. The Chair, MCEB, may request representatives from the other DoD Components and Government Agencies to participate with the MCEB on any matter in which that DoD Component or Agency has an interest.

4.3. The MCEB shall be supported by a permanent Secretariat provided by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

## 5. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall provide overall guidance and direction to the MCEB.

5.2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments, and the Heads of the DoD Components shall refer military communications-electronics and NSS matters to the MCEB for coordination, or other applicable action.

5.3. The Chair, Military Communications-Electronics Board, shall:

5.3.1. Preside at MCEB meetings or designate a member to act as the Chair in his or her absence.

5.3.2. Determine whether matters referred to the MCEB are appropriate for MCEB consideration.

5.3.3. Redirect matters referred to the MCEB if the Chair, MCEB, determines that such matters are best accomplished by referral to another DoD Component.

5.3.4. Determine whether issues referred to the MCEB can be resolved by MCEB action.

5.3.5. Inform the DoD CIO of all MCEB-related matters, which may have an impact on the responsibilities of the CIO, as provided in the Secretary of Defense's Memorandum (reference (c)).

5.3.6. Make decisions for the MCEB when consensus is not reached on matters referred to the MCEB.

5.3.7. Determine the subsequent disposition of matters referred to the MCEB that are not resolved by MCEB action.

5.3.8. Establish administrative and procedural arrangements for the MCEB, to include managing the MCEB Secretariat.

5.3.9. Provide a conflict resolution forum for frequency spectrum issues.

5.3.10. Recommend guiding policy and develop procedures in support of radio frequency management functions and requirements of the Military Departments, the Combatant Commands, and the Defense Agencies, in accordance with DoD Directive 4650.1 (reference (d)).

5.3.11. Develop, review, and implement procedures for participation in the DoD Electromagnetic Compatibility Program.

5.3.12. Coordinate changes to, and promulgate allied communications publications and joint Army, Navy, and Air Force publications. Determine format, assign printing responsibilities, and distribute communications-electronics publications, except those communications security publications that are the responsibility of other DoD elements.

5.3.13. Develop, review, and coordinate joint and allied communications-electronics operating procedures.

5.3.14. In accordance with the procedures of the OSD and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the approval of U.S. positions, coordinate and participate in the development of changes to joint and allied principles, technical standards, and procedures for obtaining interoperability, compatibility, and standardization of C4 equipment, including communications-electronics standardization agreements (STANAGs) of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Manage the DoD review process when ratification of any communications-electronics STANAGs is under consideration and serve as the office of record for all ratified agreements.

5.3.15. Develop and process the DoD position for negotiation with representatives of other nations on communications-electronics matters for which the MCEB is responsible.

5.3.16. Communicate directly with all the DoD Components, with the other Departments and Agencies of the Government and with representatives of other nations on communications-electronics and NSS matters for which the MCEB is responsible.

5.3.17. Establish and direct, as required, subsidiary panels to support MCEB activities.

5.3.18. Coordinate membership for applicable allied technical panels and working groups.

5.3.19. Serve as the United States' principal member to the Combined Communications-Electronics Board.

5.4. The Members of the MCEB shall:

5.4.1. Participate in the activities of the MCEB and vote on matters placed before the MCEB for decision.

5.4.2. Designate an alternate whom, when participating in MCEB activities for his or her principal, shall have plenary power to act for same.

5.4.3. Request, individually or as a group, reconsideration by the Secretary of Defense or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as applicable, of a decision made by the Chair, MCEB, under subparagraph 5.3.6. above. Such a request shall be submitted through the Chair, MCEB, for comment. When reconsideration by the Secretary of Defense is requested, the request also shall be accompanied by the comments of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

## 6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1. The permanent MCEB Secretariat shall consist of military and civilian personnel, with necessary funding support, provided by the Director for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (J-6), the Joint Staff.

6.2. The Heads of the DoD Components shall provide qualified personnel (within their capability and normally on an additional duty basis) when requested by the Chair, MCEB, to serve on subsidiary MCEB panels.

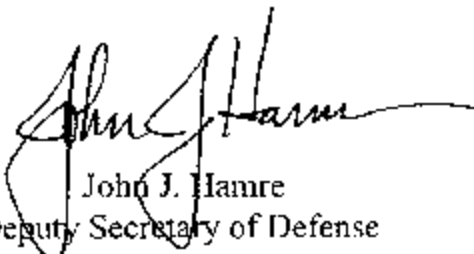
## 7. RELATIONSHIPS

7.1. The Chair, MCEB, shall make reports and furnish recommendations on the activities of the MCEB to the Secretary of Defense through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

7.2. The Chair, MCEB, shall provide information on MCEB actions to, and coordinate activities with, the DoD CIO.

## 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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